

Absecon City Police Department | COVID-19 Update

Beginning, Monday, March 16, 2020, the Absecon Police Department will be taking certain types of minor calls over the phone. Several officers will be staffed at headquarters to take these calls over the phone. We will not be handling them Face to Face in the Absecon City municipal building or responding out to residences. The types of calls may include those that do not require an on-scene investigation, evidence to be collected, or otherwise require an officer to respond to a scene.

If it is determined that a response by an officer is necessary, we will respond, but the officer will be keeping a safe, social distance from you - 6 feet.

We will ALWAYS respond to motor vehicle accidents on the roadways, crimes of violence, crimes against a person, and any other types of calls we deem necessary.

We are doing this in response to COVID-19. Our quality of service will not change, only our response for this brief period of time. It is for everyone's safety!!

Our Ambulance and Fire Departments will continue to operate as usual. If you have a fever or other symptoms of illness, please notify emergency personnel when requesting their services.

Call (609) 641-0667 or 911 in an emergency.

Also, effective Tuesday, March 16, 2020, ALL City of Absecon Buildings - City Hall, Department of Public Works, Water & Sewer, - will be closed to the public.

All of the municipal offices will be staffed and ready to assist you. They will only be available through the drive up window, regular mail, phone, email, or drop boxes at City Hall. For additional information, please check the City of Absecon's website - www.abseconnj.gov

Trash collection will continue as usual at this time.

All Municipal Court dates are postponed until April 21, 2020.

Per the Governor's Executive Order:

All gatherings of persons in the State of New Jersey shall be limited to 50 persons or fewer, with limited exceptions.

All public, private, and parochial preschool programs, and elementary and secondary schools, including charter and renaissance schools, will be closed beginning on Wednesday, March 18, 2020, and remain closed as long as the Order remains in effect.

Institutions of higher education will cease all in-person instruction beginning on Wednesday, March 18, 2020, and shall cease such in-person instruction as long as the Order remains in effect.

The Commissioner of Education shall continue working with each public, private, and parochial school to ensure students are able to continue their education through appropriate home instruction.

The Secretary of Agriculture and the Commissioner of Education shall take all necessary actions to ensure all students eligible for free or reduced meals will continue to receive the services necessary to meet nutritional needs during closures.

All casinos, concert venues, nightclubs, racetracks, gyms, fitness centers and classes, movie theaters, and performing arts centers will be closed to the public beginning on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. and remain closed as long as this Order remains in effect.

All other non-essential retail, recreational, and entertainment businesses must cease daily operations from 8:00 PM until 5:00 AM.

All restaurant establishments, with or without a liquor or limited brewery license, are limited to offering delivery and/or take out-services only.

State Guidelines: <https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/ncov.shtml>

CDC's Recommendations:

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2Findex.html

President's Guidelines:

https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/03.16.20_coronavirus-guidance_8.5x11_315PM.pdf

Thank you for understanding and as a strong community, we will overcome COVID-19 together. Please look out for each other. Stay at home and be safe and healthy.